

# WITH THE FARMERS

By Prof. W. F. MASSEY

**Sweet Potatoes From Cuttings.**  
"I have been told that sweet potatoes grow from cuttings in July will keep better in the cellar than those from the early plants. Is this true?" I believe that it is true.

**W. F. Massey.** Cuttings set in moist weather early in July will make fair-sized potatoes, and cuttings made late in July or early August make the best possible small potatoes for bedding the next spring. For this planting, make the cuttings about a yard long and cut them around your hand and plant the whole cut in the hill. These will make bunches of little potatoes at every joint, and these certainly keep well and make the best potatoes for the next spring. They are largely grown in Southeast Maryland and sold in spring in Baltimore under the name of Deal's Island slips.

**Scotch Kale.**  
You can sow now seed for the green curled Scotch kale and transplant the plants like cabbages, and they will make immense heads that will be fine for greens after the plants are cut. You can cut them through the winter in any of the milder sections of the State, as they will sprout from the stalk. Country Gentlemen sugar corn planted last of June and earliest of July, will give you perfect roasting ears, and the deprecations of the boll worms will be over. It is almost impossible to get perfect ears on garden corn early in the season on account of these worms.

**Pasture for Hogs.**  
Of course, in the peanut section the hogs can have good picking in the fall in cleaning the peanut fields, and also eating the cypripeds in the cornfield after the corn is off.

**Willow Charcoal.**  
"I have a willow wood, and have been told that willow charcoal sells higher than any other. Can you tell me anything about it?" This is rather out of my line. Willow charcoal has been used largely for the making of black gunpowder, but whether there is now much demand for it I am not able to say. Better write to the Dupont Powder Company, Wilmington, Del.

**Sandy Garden Querles.**  
From Prince Edward County: "Your column in The Times-Dispatch have helped me in my gardening. I began on a brickyard lot four years ago, and now by careful handling it produces vegetables. Will be glad to have replies to the following: 1—Have been troubled with what seems to be anthracnose on cucumber vines. The leaves are eaten away in brown perforations. I am spraying with Bordeaux mixture. Can anything be done to rid the land of the fungus? 2—There danger in too frequent sprayings of cucumbers and melons? 3—English sparrows are a pest here. What is the best means of getting rid of them without damage to other birds? 4—Four years ago I began using green manure on that lot. I am planning to cover it with crimson clover this fall. What is the best fertilizer to use? It has had lime, stable manure, and some of the Peruvian guano substitute for this year's crop, which is mainly cymplings and tomatoes."

**The Summer Fallow.**  
And now, too, there are in some what-growing sections farmers breaking fallow for wheat. Now, there is no doubt that a long summer fallow will usually make a good crop of wheat. But the best wheat farmers have stopped cultivating the fallow, because it is too expensive to work a field without corn all summer or a great part of it.

**What Cowspeak Will Do.**  
"Suppose that I sow cowpeas three years in succession on a piece of land, will that improve the land if I use no fertilizer?" Growing three crops of peas in succession, and turning them all under when mature, will greatly increase the humus and nitrogen in the soil. But if you turn under the peas, the land will not only be no improvement, but an actual diminution of fertility, by robbing the soil of phosphorus and potash. Peas will furnish you nitrogen from the air and organic matter to make the soil more mellow. But you cannot eat your cake and keep it, too. Then, merely growing three crops of peas in succession means leaving the land bare in winter when it should have a green growth of some kind on it. The growing and burying of three crops of peas will doubtless greatly help the land, but it is rather a costly way to do it. The better to feed the peas with phosphate and potash, and then feed the crop to live stock, and follow the peas with a winter cover of clover, and keep up a rotation that will while increasing the crops, be more economical than spending three years burying good feed crops. I thoroughly believe in using all the legume crops as feed for stock except the crimson clover, and that makes the best possible preparation either for corn or dark tobacco. Feed the legume crop and return the manure to the land that grew it.

**Breeding Up a Butter Herd.**  
"I have a lot of very good common cows, but I would like to have Jerseys for better butter production. Would it be better to sell these cows and buy pure-bred Jerseys, or to get a good Jersey bull and breed up a herd from my cows?" As a rule, the breeders are not going to sell their best cows, and it does not pay to buy seed cows of any breed, and there are in all the improved breeds some poor cows. I once had an own sister of the noted Jersey Princess, Second, which made the famous test of forty-seven pounds of butter in a week, and my cow would not make three pounds a week. Hence I think that the better plan will be the same plan that I adopted years ago, to get a bull from a high yielding Jersey cow of a good producing strain, and use him on your good common cows, and you can soon raise better cows that for dairy purposes will be equal to the full bloods, and some even more heavy milkers than most pure Jerseys. Use this bull but once on his own offspring, and then change. Or, if you want a full blood, you might buy a heifer, and if she proved a good milk cow, you could raise another bull from her. But always keep a full-blooded, registered bull, and you can rapidly breed up a good producing herd.

**Tomato Rot.**  
"My tomatoes are rotting. I have sprayed them with Bordeaux mixture, but it does not seem to stop it. What shall I do?" The spraying with the Bordeaux mixture will prevent rots from fungus disease, but there is a rot that does not seem to be caused by disease, but by dry weather. This is the rot that starts at the blossom end, the tip rot. No amount of spraying seems to prevent this in dry weather. The only thing is complete irrigation and watering on the vines. The city water pressure, I pay for water for my garden, and use the hose freely. This invariably prevents tip rot.

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## BARONET MARKED FOR VENGEANCE

Sir Charles Henry Has Aroused Anger of Militant Suffragettes.

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.]  
London, July 8.—The latest man marked for vengeance by the militant suffragettes is Sir Charles Henry, who married Miss Julia Lewisohn, of New York. Sir Charles, who is a great friend of Chancellor Lloyd-George, is carrying on an active antisuffrage campaign while his wife is a sympathizer with the "votes for women" cause.

The militants discovered several days ago that the baronet was preparing an antisuffrage speech to be delivered in the near future. During the early part of the house party which Sir Charles and his wife are giving at their magnificent estate, Parkwood, Henley-on-Thames, a suffragette telephoned to Lady Henry and warned her that if her husband would not cancel his speech, their house would be fired.

Sir Charles refused, but has taken the precaution to hire a number of guards, who are placed about the grounds night and day with orders to shoot the first person who cannot give a good reason for being about the house. Mysteriously lights have been burning in the hedges for the past two nights have caused much uneasiness among the guests.

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## GOVERNOR MAKES KEYNOTE SPEECH

Tells Carolina Men They Have Been Virginia's Best Friends in War and Peace.

PRESTON MAKES RESPONSE

Says Commercial Associations Should Combat Monopoly. Other Welcomes.

"With the men of the Carolinas standing beside them, the Virginians fought through the Civil War without flinching, and as they fought beside us, so they have been our best friends in peace and commerce."

With this sentiment Governor Mann, in his speech of welcome to the convention of the Hardware Association of the Carolinas yesterday morning, struck the keynote of the gathering, which is in reality a celebration of the commercial brotherhood which exists between the three States. Alvin M. Smith, who introduced the speakers, expressed the idea unconventionally, but forcibly, when he said:

"You are most certainly welcome, for if it were not for the Carolinas, we in Richmond would starve."

Governor Mann told about the war and the significance of the great gathering at Gettysburg, and then reviewed the great material development of the South since that time, illustrating his ideas with numerous stories and anecdotes that kept the carping in a ripple of laughter. He frankly acknowledged that the Carolinas are the territory upon which the commercial greatness of Richmond depends, and thanked the hardware men for bringing such a graceful recognition of the relation by leaving their home States to meet here.

**Leaves That to the Women.**  
The dining-room of the Jefferson, which was well filled, contained at least one-third women, the guests of the association, and the Governor made fitting notice of their presence.

"There is no better place for the women to come than the capital of the Old Dominion," he said, "for the women control its destinies. I am satisfied that the women of Virginia have been working on a moral issue, and when asked what is my attitude toward equal suffrage, I always reply that I will vote for it when my wife tells me to."

Mayor Ansie delivered the welcome on behalf of the city, most generously assuring the visitors that everything in it was theirs for the asking. He told the Carolinians that they are the best friends of the city, and assured them that the honor conferred by their visit is appreciated by the city.

Business Manager Danby, of the Chamber of Commerce, was introduced as "that great Mexican athlete, the Honorable Bull Danby." This necessitated a defense of his dignity, which Mr. Danby made with great wit, and then launched into a eulogy of the city. He also asserted that it is imperative that the Virginia hardware dealers immediately organize, either as a branch of the Carolina Association, or as an independent association.

**Should Fight Monopolies.**  
The response for the association was made by E. A. Preston, of Charlotte. He was introduced by Norman H. Johnson, of the city, and was a man who had dared to face the entrenched capital of the railroads in a fight for just freight rates in the Carolinas.

Mr. Preston stated that he believed the greatest thing to be accomplished by such commercial associations as the Hardware Association of the Carolinas, is the securing of a union to the end of the retailers and jobbers have had no aggregate power, and it is imperative that they realize the opportunity and responsibility. Mr. Preston portrayed the commercial unity of the Virginia and the two Carolinas most vividly. He said that it is good to smoke, but there has been a golden stream of tobacco pouring from the tobacco belt of the Carolinas into Richmond. First it was a tiny stream, hauled by mules over corduroy roads, and now it is a vast commerce carried by trunk lines.

And ever since the prohibition fight was won in the Carolinas, there has been a red stream of good liquors flowing back from Richmond to the Carolinas. Why, once a woman faints in a Carolina camp meeting, and the doctor orders whiskey, and everybody from the preacher to the presiding elder produced a bottle with a Richmond label.

"Geographically and racially as well as commercially, we are one," he stood together throughout the Revolution and the Civil War, and we will continue to stand together."

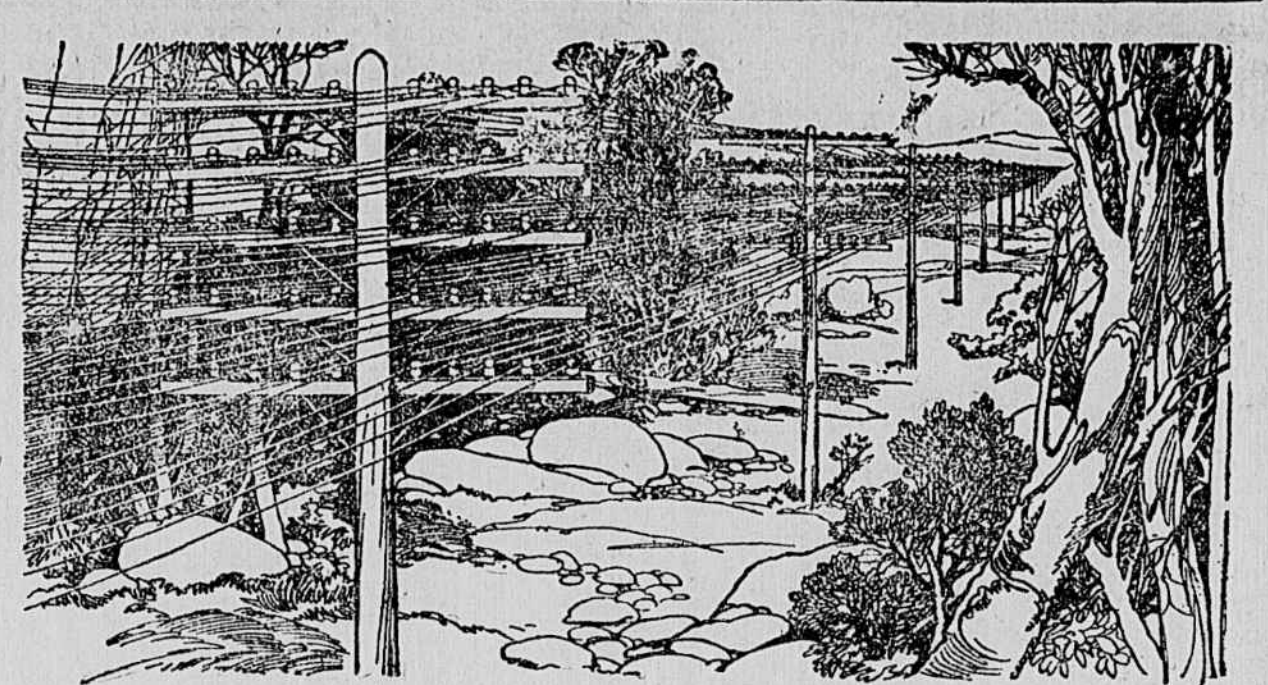
**Bent Trip To-Day.**  
After the speeches, Mr. Smith addressed the convention on the subject of the program, especially urging all of the visitors to rise early enough this morning to catch the boat for Jamestown. He dwelt upon the historical importance of the spot, the bridges of the James River, and also hinted that there would be things on hand even more interesting than scenery and history.

Secretary Dixon then recalled the visitors to earth, by urging them all to attend promptly the business meetings which will begin Thursday, saying that there is much important work before the convention.

After the opening session, the delegates and guests took cars at the hotel door for a trip to Lakeside, where luncheon was served. On the return trip, they visited one of the ice cream factories.

**Reception for Delegates.**  
At 8:30 o'clock last night a reception was held in the winter dining-room of the Jefferson Hotel, and the fair guests of the convention, who have come from several hundred strong, were very much in evidence. For two hours the big hall was filled with a happy crowd, marshaled by members of the reception committee, who had to use megaphones to make themselves heard above the din. The hardware men have come to Richmond in force, and in accordance with the tradition of their business, they are making quite a slatter. A buffet luncheon was served and music was furnished by an orchestra.

The manufacturers' exhibit in the auditorium is attracting large crowds, especially women, who are interested in all of the new fangled kitchen contrivances. The exhibits, which include everything in the hardware line, from a carpet tack to a kitchen range, have been arranged with an eye to effect. Artistic booths have been provided for the dis-



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## DRUM CORPS WILL LEAD HOWITZERS

Artillerymen Trying to Form Band—Gunnery Class Holding Daily Lessons.

Several applications for membership in the new Howitzers drum corps were received last night at the regular meeting of the battery, following the drill in accordance with the rules of the organization, the names were tabled for one week, and will be voted upon at the next meeting.

It is the purpose of Captain Myers to form a strong life and drum corps of about twenty-five pieces of favorable material can be secured. The battery has taken up the idea with enthusiasm, and is on the lookout for capable musicians. A fund to equip the corps has been raised, but no money will be spent until more members are secured. Lieutenant George Myers is chairman of the committee. He has a number of men on the string, and as soon as they are enlisted will hire a competent instructor. The band men will be carried on the rolls as cannoners.

The school in gunnery is being held daily, and a large number of the listed men are taking advantage of the opportunity to learn the actual handling of the big guns. In two weeks the class will be put through a rigid examination for first and second-class gunners. This grade is a much-coveted one among the regulars, and is extremely hard for a militiaman to attain. In addition to the theoretical knowledge of the guns, he must be able to set sights, level the piece and prepare for action in a limited number of seconds, and before becoming a gunner must be able to dismount the gun and replace the parts. Sergeant Whittaker, U. S. A., is the instructor of the class. He is giving daily lessons at the armory.

**Files Continuance Bond.**  
The case of the Commonwealth of Virginia against the National Fire Insurance Company, which was pending in this State without a license, was continued by the State Corporation Commission yesterday. The company filed a continuance bond of \$1,500, and it is understood that the necessary license will be secured.

**Armed With Knife.**  
Jerry Smith, colored, charged with carrying concealed weapons, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Officers J. J. Smith and Whitlock. He will appear in Police Court this morning.

**Building Permits.**  
Building permits were issued yesterday as follows:  
A. W. Walkup, to erect a detached house on the west side of Seventeenth Street, between Brown and Washington Streets, to cost \$4,000.  
Mrs. M. A. Page, to repair a frame dwelling at 315 South Harrison Street, at a cost of \$125.

**With Justice Maurice.**  
Only two cases were heard by Justice Maurice yesterday morning in Police Court, Part II. Charles Carrington, colored, charged with assault and battery against Rebecca Carrington, was fined \$5.  
Fred Cook, twenty-two years old, was fined \$10 for being drunk and disorderly on the street.

**Realty Transfers.**  
By a deed of bargain and sale in Hustings Court, Part II, yesterday, W. J. Dobbin acquired from A. L. Adamson and wife the lot fronting sixty-one feet on Bainbridge Street, between

## Look in the Glass To-Day!

Be Honest With Yourself—Study the Cause for Your Looks.

"Be honest with yourself," says the Quaker Health Extract. "What is it that gives you that sallow complexion, those lustreless eyes and furrows on your face, which should be smooth? Probably you think your health is good, but there must be a reason, and more often than not your troubles are caused by a sluggish liver and disordered stomach. A good complexion, a clear skin, a good appetite and a feeling of health and strength are every person's desire, and there is no reason why they should not have them all," says Gray, the Quaker Health Extract, who has been at Trangle's Drug Store for the past six weeks.

"A well-known lady living in this city, who does not wish her name published, told me, 'I thought I was in fair health, but kept getting thinner and thinner. I was so yellow that I

thought my complexion must be gone forever; was troubled with pimples on my face and was told that the life and sparkle had left my eyes; felt dull and listless, getting up in the morning more tired than when I lay down at night. I am a mother, and believe I may as well die as live with my family as much as any one could. I was so yellow and so thin, with my children and snappy with my husband. It took me some time to realize this, but when I did I thought there must be a cause, and I must find it. I had been reading of the cures that the Quaker Health Extract has been making, and some people I am acquainted with, concluded to give it a trial. Now, in less than three weeks, my husband and children are once more glad to meet me with kisses, and my friends exclaim when we meet them: 'How well you look!' You may rest assured that I will always speak well of the Quaker Health Extract. It has done so much for me."

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